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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
RETO LUGINBUEHI ET AL.) : Examiner: Melissa Ann Montano
Application No.: 10/581,270) : TC/Art Unit: 3738
Filed: April 25, 2007) : Confirmation No.:3143
For: PROSTHETIC DEVICE FOR)
CARTILAGE REPAIR : March 24, 2010

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Further to the Request for Continued Examination submitted February 2, 2010,
and in response to the Advisory Action dated January 12, 2010, the Examiner is respectfully
requested to amend the claims as follows and consider the following remarks.